

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Ramani R. Ranatunge, being a citizen of the U.S.A., and residing at 11 Bates Road, Lexington MA 02421; David S. Garvey, being a citizen of the U.S.A., and residing at 10 Grand Hill Drive, Dover, MA 02030; Stewart K. Richardson, being a citizen of Great Britain, and residing at 55 Autumn Drive, Tolland, CT 06084; am the inventor of certain new and useful inventions and discoveries, for which application(s) for Letters Patent entitled " OXIME AND/OR HYDRAZONE CONTAINING NITROSATED AND/OR NITROSYLATED CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 SELECTIVE INHIBITORS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE" which is being filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office herewith; and with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Receiving Office for the Patent Cooperative Treaty;

WHEREAS, NitroMed, Inc., whose address is 12 Oak Park Drive, Bedford, MA 01730, and which, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits, and privileges hereinafter recited;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration furnished by ASSIGNEE to me, receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I hereby, without reservations:

1. Assign, transfer, and convey to ASSIGNEE my entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said applications for Letters Patent, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, continuation-in-part, continued prosecution applications, and convention applications based in whole, or in part, upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patents, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon, or arise from, said inventions, said discoveries, said applications, and said Letters Patent;
2. Authorize ASSIGNEE to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in my name or in the name of ASSIGNEE or otherwise as ASSIGNEE may deem advisable, under International Conventions or otherwise;
3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments throughout the world to issue or transfer all said Letters Patents to ASSIGNEE, as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein or otherwise as ASSIGNEE may direct;
4. Warrant that I have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications, or patents, or any license to use the same, or to make, use, or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that I have good right to assign the same to ASSIGNEE without encumbrance;
5. Bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, as well as myself, to do, upon ASSIGNEE's request and at ASSIGNEE's expense, but without additional consideration to me or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that said inventions and discoveries, said patent applications, and said Letters Patents shall be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE as fully and

entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns if this Assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by ASSIGNEE; and to communicate to ASSIGNEE all facts known to me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof, and to testify as to the same in any court or proceeding; and to furnish ASSIGNEE any and all documents, photographs, models, samples, and other physical exhibits in my control or in the control of my heirs, legal representatives, or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Date: 06/16/03 Signature of Inventor: Ramani R. Ranatunge
Ramani R. Ranatunge

Date: 6/16/03 Signature of Inventor: David S. Garvey
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Date: 6/17/03 Signature of Inventor: Stewart K. Richardson
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